

Appl. No. 10/800,455
Atty. Docket No.: 2004B019

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This reply is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated September 10, 2007 and the Examiner's phone call of December 13, 2007. .

Claims 14, 17, 19 and 21 are pending. Claims 14 and 21 are amended. Support is found in the claims as originally filed.

Claims 1-13, 15, 16, 18, and 20 are cancelled.

Claims 14, 17 and 19 have been indicated as allowable.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 3, 14, and 15 are currently rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The term "substituted" is objected to as rendering the claim indefinite. In the previous reply, Applicant invited the Office to examine Page 4, lines 13-32, which explicitly define the term "substituted" for the purposes of this application. The Office was then invited to please elaborate on which portion of this definition makes it unclear as to what constitutes a substituent for the purposes of this application. The Office has failed to explain why the definition is not understood. Applicant submits that the definition is clear. Clarification of the Office's position is requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 15, 18, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Niyogi, (US 6,451,897) in view of Mullins, (US 6,410,629). Claims 15, 18 and 20 are cancelled. Claim 21 is now dependent on allowable claim 14. Applicant respectfully the rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

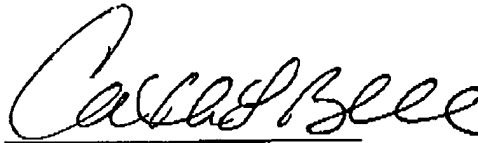
It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account number 05-1712. Moreover, if the deposit account contains insufficient funds, the Commissioner is hereby invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to arrange payment.

Respectfully submitted,

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